GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:58
ANSWERED ON:20.07.2016
Digitisation of Post Offices
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of linking of post offices with internet facilities;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any target for linking of post offices through internet across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of post offices linked, separately, in urban and rural areas, State-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated and spent for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 58 FOR 20th JULY, 2016 REGARDING "DIGITISATION OF POST OFFICES".

(a) 24,405 departmental post offices out of total of 25,297 have been linked with internet facilities.

(b) Yes Madam. The Department has achieved its target of linking all post offices where connectivity is technically feasible.

(c) Number of offices linked State-wise including Delhi is as follows:

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Sl No. Name of the Circle/State No. of Locations with internet connectivity
Urban Rural
1 Andhra Pradesh 640 945
2 Arunachal Pradesh 2 0
3 Assam 230 392
4 Bihar 429 603
5 Chhattisgarh 243 73
6 Delhi 386 4
7 Goa 46 56
8 Gujarat 687 649
9 Haryana 317 171
10 Himachal Pradesh 112 337
11 Jammu & Kashmir 162 80
12 Jharkhand 220 198
13 Karnataka 870 815
14 Kerala 513 939
15 Madhya Pradesh 706 320
16 Maharashtra 1104 990
17 Manipur 20 5
18 Meghalaya 25 16
19 Mizoram 15 11
20 Nagaland 8 2
21 Odisha 540 631
22 Punjab 433 330
23 Rajasthan 615 715
24 Sikkim 10 7
25 Tamilnadu 1256 1319
26 Telangana 420 428

27 Tripura 45 10
28 Uttar Pradesh 1622 896
29 Uttarakhand 200 192
30 West Bengal 876 519
Total 12752 11653
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(d) There is no state wise allocation of funds as connectivity provided to Post Offices is centrally monitored and payments to the Service Providers are released based on agreed service levels and applying relevant penal clauses. An amount of Rs 951.57 Crore has been allotted for the linking of post offices, out of which Rs 241.78 Crore has been spent till 30th June 2016.